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FOR AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE

FROM DAS DOWNEY

1. CASE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT INTERAGENCY OPERATING COMMITTEE AUGUST 8 AND AT INTERAGENCY MEETING AUGUST 13 AT DAS LEVEL.
2. FYI DOD HAS SIGNIFICANT RESERVATIONS (A) AS TO ADEQUACY OF SAFEGUARDS DESIGNED TO PREVENT DIVERSION OF COCOM EMBARGOES ICS THAT ARE ASSEMBLED BY THE FAIRCHILD-TUNGSRAM VENTURE AND (B) AS TO THIS TRANSACTION'S ENHANCEMENT OF HUNGARY'S OVERALL CAPABILITIES FOR PRODUCTION AND TESTING
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OF ICS.

3. HARRY SELLO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 14 TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH AGENCIES THEIR RESERVATIONS, AND OPERATING COMMITTEE HAS CASE FIRST ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

4. WE SHOULD HAVE FINAL USG POSITION BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.
WHETHER FAIRCHILD WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ADEQUATE
ALTERNATIVES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROJECT TO RESPOND
TO DOD CONCERNS AND STILL MAINTAIN A VIABLE PROJECT IS
VERY MUCH AN OPEN QUESTION. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. SISCO

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